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SUBJECT: NEW ICELAND-FAEROE ISLANDS FISHING AGREEMENT

1. NEW RECIPROCAL FISHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN ICELAND AND FAEROE ISLANDS WENT INTO EFFECT FEBRUARY 8 FOLLOWING RATIFICATION SAME DAY BY RESPECTIVE LEGISLATURES. AGREEMENT HAD BEEN CONCLUDED LATE LAST WEEK DURING BRIEF NEGOTIATIONS IN REYKJAVIK.

2. PACT PERMITS FAEROESE FISHERMEN TO TAKE 25,000 TONS OF CAPELIN FROM ICELAND'S WATERS DURING 1977 SEASON. ICELANDERS ARE ALLOWED 25,000 TONS OF BLUE WHITING IN FAEROESE JURISDICTION DURING PERIOD MARCH-JUNE 1977.

3. COMMENT: FAEROESE, WHO SHARE ICELAND'S HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON FISH, HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN REGARDED AS UNCLASSIFIED

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KINDRED SOULS BY ICELANDERS AND ACCORDED STATUS OF SPECIAL CASE WHERE FISHING RIGHTS ARE CONCERNED. NEW AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS RATIFIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ALTHING, WAS OBJECT OF NO DEBATE HERE DESPITE CONSIDERABLE BODY OF OPINION THAT INSISTS ON NO NEW FISHING CONCESSIONS FOR FOREIGNERS. FAEROESE CAUSE WAS ALSO HELPED BY FACT THAT LOCAL CAPELIN CATCH PROMISES TO BE VERY

HIGH THIS YEAR PLUS FACT THAT THIS SPECIES, UNLIKE
THE COD, HAS NEVER BEEN OBJECT OF DEMAND AND CONTRO-
VERSY.
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